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Serial No.: 10/722,931

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For: **A Device For Interrogating the Locked  
Condition of a Vehicle Safety Belt  
Buckle**

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1), Applicants submit the art listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, along with a copy of the referenced art, and note that no fees are believed to be due in connection with this filing. Applicants submit this

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§1.97(b)(1), as Applicants are filing this Information Disclosure Statement within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under §1.53(d).

Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the art listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of this art is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(g) and (h), no representation is made that this art is material to patentability of the present application or that a search has been made.

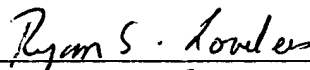
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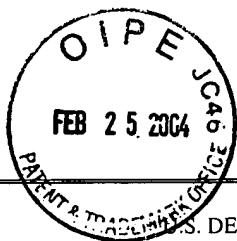
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